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Kai Thompson
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: Monthly Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of March 2022.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; planning and conduct of the first workshop; and organization and conduct of other open data-gathering sessions as well as closed meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

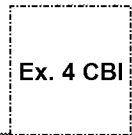
During the reporting period, National Academies staff organized and conducted the 7th meeting (over the internet, on March 24, 2022) and the 8th meeting (as an in-person meeting on March 30, 2022, during the annual Society of Toxicology meeting) of the committee. During these closed sessions, the committee discussed the structure and draft introductory sections of the consensus report, and advanced plans for the literature review and the second virtual workshop slated for May 12, 2022. In addition, subgroup meetings of the committee were conducted, to review and revise the literature search strategy with the NASEM librarian, discuss the results of the literature search, and develop plans for organizing and analyzing the results with the support of National Academies staff. Subgroup meetings of the committee were also organized to develop the draft of the second workshop agenda, which National Academies staff provided to EPA. In addition, National Academies staff finalized the *Proceedings in Brief* of the first workshop, including responding to peer review in accordance with National Academies procedures, and provided the publication to EPA.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate organizing and conducting closed session meetings of the committee, to include the 9th meeting (over the internet). In addition, subgroup meetings of the committee are anticipated, to finalize the approach for screening, organizing, and analyzing the results of the literature review and to advance planning of the second workshop. Having provided EPA with a draft agenda, National Academies staff anticipate discussing feedback with EPA and the committee. The National Academies staff also anticipate convening preparatory sessions with non-federal and federal subject matter expert participants and the committee and providing logistical support. Staff will also establish and maintain a website for the purposes of public registration and

dissemination of meeting materials including the workshop agenda, pre-recorded materials, participant and committee biographical information, and staff contact information. Other anticipated effort will include soliciting background material and committee availability for forthcoming open and closed sessions of the committee as a whole and in subgroups.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for March 2022:

Labor Cost	\$	
ODCs	\$	
Overhead	\$	
G&A	\$	
Total Mar 2022	\$	<u>33,117.85</u>

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 285,938.87. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by National Academies staff.

Sincerely,

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EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests
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Progress Report, March 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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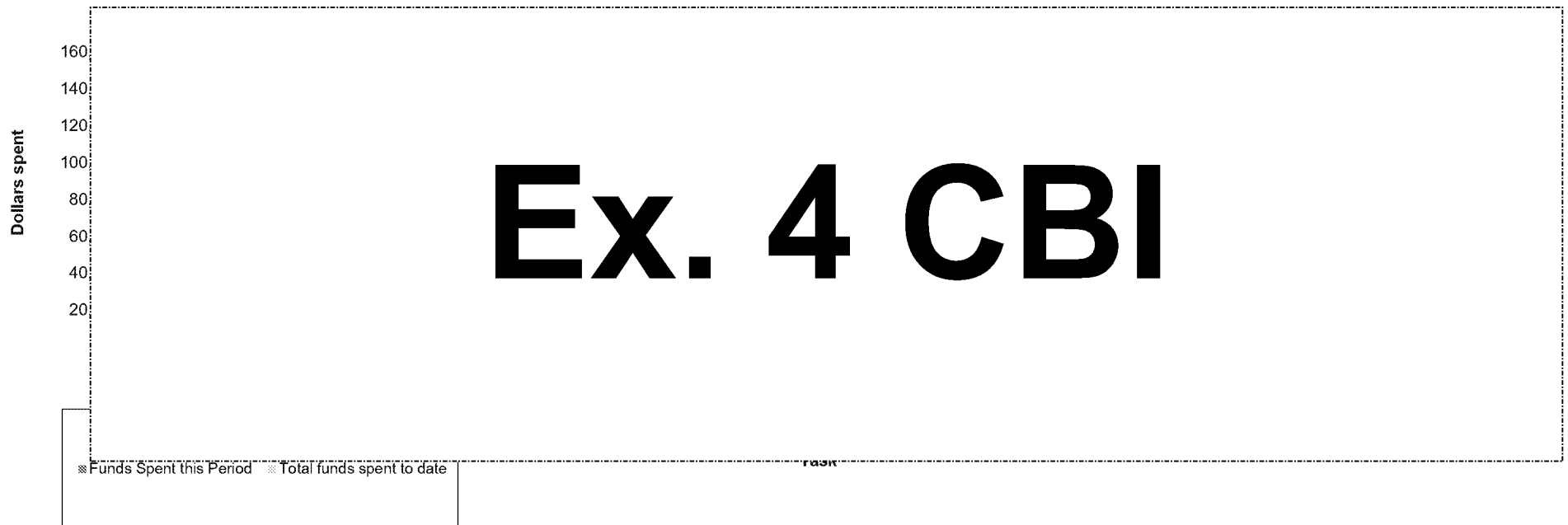
Dollars (thousands)

Cumulative total cost
Cumulative labor cost
Budget

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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

■ Hours worked this month
□ Hours worked to date

Hours

15
10
5
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